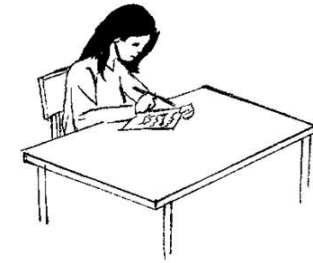


# Ch. 1A Infinitive Verbs

bailar



escribir cuentos



nadar



escuchar música



montar en monopatín /  
andar en patineta

correr



dibujar



practicar deportes



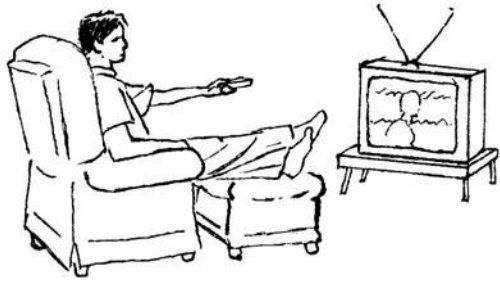
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cantar



Ver la tele



Patinar en línea



Montar en bicicleta



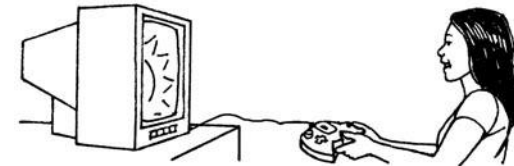
Usar la computadora



Tocar la guitarra



Jugar videojuegos



Hablar por teléfono



Leer revistas



Jugar al baloncesto



Trabajar



Ir a la escuela



Pasar tiempo con amigos



Usar el (teléfono) celular

# GUSTAR

(Not really “to like”)



¿Qué te gusta hacer?



-What do you like to do?



# GUSTAR = To be pleasing to (to like)

- The verb “***gustar***” can **NOT** be translated literally to mean “to like.”
- “*Gustar*” really means:  
***something/somebody is pleasing to (a person)***
  - I like bananas = Bananas are pleasing **to me**.
  - Casey likes to swim = Swimming is pleasing **to Casey**.
  - We like pizza = Pizza is pleasing **to us**.
  - They like to watch tv = Watching tv is pleasing **to them**.

# English vs. Spanish

- In English, the person (subject) is the one doing the liking.
  - Ex) I like chocolate.
  - Ex) We like to go to the movies.
- In Spanish, the object is doing the action of “pleasing” the person. The person is the receiver of the pleasure that the object gives. So essentially, the sentences are read backwards.
  - Ex) Chocolate pleases me.
  - Ex) Going to the movies pleases us.

# A little Grammar...

To use the verb GUSTAR correctly, you need to use Indirect Object Pronouns instead of the Subject Pronouns you have grown used to because we are now receivers rather than the ones doing the action.

Me = (to me)

Nos = (to us)

Te = (to you inf.)

Os = (to y'all) \*\*Spain

Le {  
(to him)  
(to her)  
(to you formal)  
(to "it")

Les {  
(to them)  
(to you all)



# The simple answer...

- Me
- Te → GUSTA (infinitive verb(s) / 1 object)
- Le
- Nos → GUSTAN ( 2 or more objects)
- Os
- Les

# Examples with infinitive verbs

1) I like to paint = Painting pleases me

➤ Me gusta pintar.

2) You like to play soccer = Playing soccer pleases you

➤ Te gusta jugar al fútbol

3) She likes to swim = Swimming pleases her

➤ Le gusta nadar

# More examples with infinitive verbs

4) We like to study Spanish = Studying Spanish pleases us

➤ Nos gusta estudiar el español

5) Y'all like to dance = Dancing pleases y'all

➤ Os gusta bailar

6) They like to sing = Singing pleases them

➤ Les gusta cantar

# Multiple activities / verbs

For verbs, we ALWAYS use the singular form: “**gusta**” even when we are talking about multiple activities.

Ex) I like to sing, dance, and act.

Me **gusta** cantar, bailar, y actuar.

Ex) She likes to play soccer, ride bikes, and ski.

Le **gusta** jugar al fútbol, montar en bicicleta, y esquiar.

# Now you try...

- We like to spend time with friends
- He likes to play videogames
- I like to swim and play baseball.
- They like to draw and write stories.
- You like to practice sports and walk.

# Answers

- We like to spend time with friends
  - Nos gusta pasar tiempo con amigos.
- He likes to play videogames
  - Le gusta jugar videojuegos.
- I like to swim and play baseball.
  - Me gusta nadar y jugar béisbol.
- They like to draw and write stories.
  - Les gusta dibujar y escribir cuentos.
- You (informal) like to practice sports and walk.
  - Te gusta practicar deportes y caminar.